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EyeCare Partners Growth Continues with Entry Into Michigan

ST. LOUIS, MO – March 18, 2018 – EyeCare Partners, LLC (ECP) has expanded into its 11th state by partnering with the doctors and staff of Bennett Optometry, a leading optometric practice in Ann Arbor, Michigan, led by Dr. Steven Bennett.

Bennett Optometry was founded in 1949 when the father of Dr. Steven Bennett, Dr. Herman Bennett, opened his first office in downtown Ann Arbor. In 2008, the practice transitioned from father to son. Dr. Steven Bennett has since led the practice through a period of consistent growth, including its recent expansion into a large second location in North Ann Arbor. The five-doctor practice is a full-scope medical optometric practice treating and managing a variety of ocular diseases and visual impairments. “Bennett Optometry’s mission to enhance and preserve the gift of sight illustrates its patient-first mentality, and aligns well with ECP’s philosophy to provide world-class care to all,” said Dr. Jim Wachter, ECP Chief Professional Officer.

Dr. Bennett commented, “I am absolutely delighted to partner with the ECP team and serve as the first practice of many to join the ECP Michigan platform. I had a number of unsolicited offers over the years from various investment groups and other physicians, but none met my criteria. I wanted a partner that would understand and maintain our philosophy of care for our patients and staff as well as continue my legacy of Bennett Optometry. In addition to meeting my criteria, ECP’s significant doctor support infrastructure and focus on clinical treatment made them an ideal fit for Bennett Optometry.”

Kelly McCrann, Chief Executive Officer of ECP, stated, “Bennett Optometry is an ideal practice to partner with, especially in a new market. Dr. Bennett and his team have a fantastic reputation in the community and the deserved respect of competitors and vendors alike due to the high quality of care they have provided over many decades. EyeCare Partners will build on this momentum in 2019 in Michigan and elsewhere by continuing to partner with top-tier physician groups across new and existing markets.”

About EyeCare Partners, LLC

Based in St. Louis, Missouri, EyeCare Partners currently offers comprehensive medical eye care services throughout Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, North Carolina, Indiana, and Michigan. The doctors of EyeCare Partners serve the vision care needs of hundreds of thousands of patients annually. For more information about joining the ECP team, please contact acquisitions@eyecare-partners.com.

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